



SHADE MED 1-19

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Shared Awareness and De-confliction in the Mediterranean (**SHADE MED**) continues as the forum where key stakeholders from nations and organisations engaged in or impacted by migration and other illicit activities in the Southern Central Mediterranean come together to share knowledge and coordinate their activities in this complex region. It allows an assessment of emerging trends and enables the sharing of best practices. SHADE MED's primary aim is to provide a mechanism aimed at de-conflicting and coordinating military and civilian resources, operations and industry practices to achieve the maximum efficiency and effectiveness in managing operations in the central Mediterranean region. The last SHADE MED forum was held 19 – 20 June 2018, attracting **242 participants from 37 countries** belonging to **127 organisations**. It was a successful forum that reinforced partnerships and collaboration across a wide area.

The Seventh SHADE MED will be held in Rome on 23 to 24 January 2019.

Day one of the event focuses on two Keynote panels, considering **Synergies and Challenges** and the **Comprehensive Approach to Regional Activities**, commencing with keynote addresses and followed by operational updates. On completion, personnel will be invited to attend a number of different **working groups** which will discuss current themes under the following titles:

Observatory on Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking (WG 1)

Present the first Observatory findings at the end of the first work strand and the planned activities in view of the second report. Discuss possible areas of common interest and how to enhance synergies among key stakeholders.

Shipping Industry Coordination - Building a more integrated approach (WG 2)

Develop situational awareness between actors and identify possibilities for practical cooperation and information coordination between Military Operations and the Shipping Industry.

Capacity-building of the Libyan Coast Guard & Navy (LCG&N) (WG 3)

Examining the way national and multilateral initiatives inform and support the capacity-building process. Explore new offers of training modules and participation in the training modules of international organisations.

Migrant Picture and Statistics (WG 4)

A review of metrics behind migrant data, including identification, classification, validation and reporting in order to facilitate a common understanding.

The Crime Information Cell (CIC) (WG 5)

Present the results achieved by the CIC in the first six months of activity. Explore possible new avenues of cooperation between internal and external EU security organisations in order to achieve increasingly effective results.

Day two will include a third panel focussed on **current Maritime Operations**. On completion, the Working Groups will present their findings and the Event will conclude.

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